(d) whether it will also form the base fo chalking out welfare programme for SCs/STs in the eleventh Five Year Plan;

(e) whether Government will consider preparing such a document for the development of other vulnerable sections such as women, children, small and marginal farmers, disabled etc.;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR) (a) and (b) The thrust of the Government is to make SC/ST programmes more focussed and to ensure flow of benefits to the SC/ST population in a more effective and efficient manner. The schemes/ programmes and strategy would be reviewed in consultation with Planning Commission before finalisation of the Eleventh Five Year Plan. The Planning Commission has consolidated and circulated to States/UTs guidelines for formulation, implementation and monitoring of Scheduled Caste Sub Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) which contain details regarding earmarking funds atleast in proportion to SC/ST population in the State/ UT annual Plans, Social Welfare/Tribal Welfare as the nodal department for implementation of SC/ST welfare programmes, placing funds at the disposal of the nodal department which in turn will reallocate to sectoral departments for implementation of schemes directly benefiting SCs/STs and creating a separate budget head and sub head for SCSP and TSP These guidelines also state that non-earmarking of funds under SCSP and TSP may result in non-approval of Plans of States/UTs.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (g) Do not arise.

Demand for additional power by Bihar

†*425. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the basis of peak power demand during current year, the State Government of Bihar has made a request to the Central Government for an additional 600 MW power through National Thermal Power Corporation;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the NTPC is reluctant to further supply to Bihar due to non-payment of its dues; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of generation of power (in megawatts) by Bihar itself?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) Bihar Government has requested for an additional allocation of 200 MW power from NTPC Stations in Eastern Region (ER).

(b) and (c) Power supply to Bihar from the NTPC stations in the ER was, regulated, after serving due notice, *w.e.f.* 21st March, 2006 due to default in payment by Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB) to NTPC for the period December, 2005 — January, 2006 in accordance with the provisions contained in the Power Purchase Agreement between BSEB and NTPC and Tripartite Agreement (TPA) between Government of India, Government of Bihar and Reserve Bank of India.

However, regulation of power supply to Bihar from NTPC stations was withdrawn after payment of entire dues of Rs. 357.3 crores of NTPC upto March, 2006 by Government of Bihar on 8th April, 2006 and compliance of condition of letter of credit.

Bihar was having an allocation of 1019 MW from the NTPC stations in Eastern Region which was enhanced by 50 MW *w.e.f.* 13th April, 2006. Thus, the total allocation of power to Bihar is 1069 MW as on date.

The details of the quantum of generation of power by Bihar's own generating stations for the year 2005-06 are given below:

Station	Installed Capacity (MW)	Generation (Average MW)
Barauni TPS	320	14
Muzaffarpur	220	0
Total Thermal	14	—
Hydro	44.9	8.6

Pilferage of power

*426. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that out of the total electrical energy generated, around 55 per cent is billed and 20 per cent is lost by theft, according to a leading magazine;